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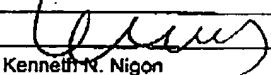
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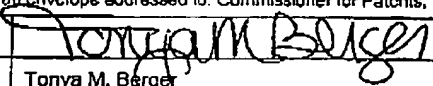
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **March 15, 2005**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Species I, Species II or Species III be elected for prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute Species II corresponding to claims 3, 5, 7, 8-9. This election is made without traverse.

As the Examiner indicated that claim 6 is generic to all of the species, claims 3 and 5-9 are pending in the above identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

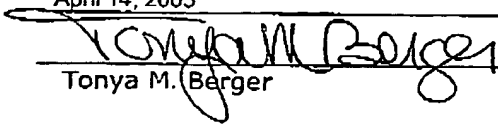

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